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In the Application of:

Chen, et al.

Serial No.: 10/058,466

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For: Method and Medium for Detecting
Vancomycin-Resistant Enterococcus

Art Unit: 1648

Examiner: Li

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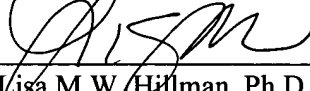
In regard to the above identified application,

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Respectfully submitted,



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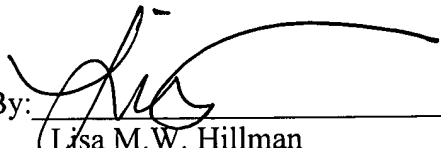
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This paper is filed in connection with the response after final filed on July 13, 2004, in the above-mentioned application. The Office has asserted that several of the references submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement on March 1, 2004 were illegible. Legible copies of a majority of the references were provided with the response after final filed on July 13, 2004. Applicants have attached legible copies of the remaining references along with a PTO form 1449. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner initial the form and return the form to Applicants. A fee was paid when these reference were submitted on March 1, 2004. Therefore, it is believed that no additional fee is due; however, if a fee is due the Commissioner is authorized to charge our deposit account number 13-2490.

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	5.	Trepeta, R., et al., "Esculinase (β -glucosidase) for the Rapid Estimation of Activity in Bacteria Utilizing a Hydrolyzable Substrate, p-nitrophenyl- β -D-glucopyranoside," <i>Journal of Microbiology</i> , 53:273-277 (1987).
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